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LACK OF MARKET FOR 1920 CROP OF HAY COMPELLING RANCHERS TO ABANDON ONE-CROP STYLE OF FARMING IN FAVOR OF DIVERSIFICATION

BETTER DAYS ARE PRESAGED

County Agricultural Agent Discusses Causes Which—Law of Supply and Demand Controlling Factor in Present Change—Statistics Given

(By L. R. Breithaupt)

One fact stands out clearly about farm operations this spring: The farmers are plowing alfalfa. They are not plowing too much of it, possibly not enough, but they are plowing many times as much of it as ever before. Whether they are plowing enough depends entirely on what is done to increase farm livestock to consume hay. Without an increase of farm livestock, there may yet be far more than enough hay to supply demands this fall. That remains to be seen.

There is not much argument about the wisdom of the action of the farmers in trying to produce some crops besides hay. Alfalfa hay is a wonderful crop and cannot be beaten as a cheap source of high class feed. But there is a limit to the demand for even high class feed and whenever there is a large surplus produced over the needs for feeding purposes, it becomes a very different crop to market because of its bulkiness. Owing to shifting economic conditions which first put the livestock men out of business to a large extent and then reacted on feed values throughout the whole country, and increased freight rates which cut off hay shipment materially, all of which came in a year when there was a very great increase in the amount of feed, both hay and grain produced in the country, and less than normal numbers of livestock, hay producers everywhere were left with a great surplus on hand with consequent low prices which were not made better by the practice of underbidding each other in order to make a sale.

From the standpoint of shipping, hay offers no hope to the Malheur county farmer. The conditions now existing are probably about as good, so far as values are concerned, as can be expected if statistics on average hay values are any guide for the future. There will probably be years when hay will sell high enough to leave a fair margin above baling, hauling and freight charges, but on the average this way of marketing cannot be depended on. The market for hay must remain in the feeding of livestock on the farm. This, in order that it will be profitable, calls for less hay or more livestock as anyone will testify who owns a few stacks of 1920 alfalfa.

The present movement toward plowing up alfalfa means that there will be an increase in diversified farming and farm livestock keeping. There will be less hay produced and more of other crops, and there will be a smaller percentage of the hay grown offered for sale because more of it will be needed on the farm. Crops which have been found practical to grow on a commercial basis are clover for hay and seed, corn for grain and ensilage, wheat, barley and potatoes. Sugar beets are being grown to some extent in the Weiser district, while such crops as head lettuce, onions and other truck crops are grown successfully in parts of the Snake River valley. For the present year, wheat is probably the best prospect for planting on alfalfa sod for large acreages.

Wheat has the advantage of being both a bread grain and a feed grain and therefore may be marketed to better advantage than any other grain. It also, although selling at what seems very low prices now, is in better demand and less of it is held in reserve, than any other grain except rye, according to statistics on world supplies. The planting of barley and other feed grain does not offer such good prospects owing to the large stocks held over from last year's crop. Early potatoes will ordinarily be more profitable than late ones, if the crop is handled direct from the field and sold to be shipped in refrigerator cars. There should be an increase in corn production both for grain and ensilage purposes for farm use. Also in clover seed production.

The following statistics showing the average price received by producers for the past ten years, for the United States, may if considered in relation to known yields and costs of marketing, including freights be of some assistance in choosing a line of farming which offers the best average opportunity.

Commodity	Average	Value	Value
U. S. '11-'20	U. S. '11-'20	U. S. '11-'20	U. S. '11-'20
Alfalfa hay, ton	\$13.20	\$17.70	
Wheat, bu.	1.40	1.44	
Barley	.78	.78	
Corn, bu.	1.05	.68	
Clover seed, bu.	7.44	6.98	
Potatoes, bu.	.96	1.16	
Butter, lb.	.34	.55	
Wool lb.	.32	.35	
Lambs, cw.	9.40	9.37	
Beef cattle	7.40	7.15	
Eggs, doz.	.23	.25	

MOLINE FARM COMPANY'S HOLDINGS IN COUNTY SOLD

Among the deeds filed in the County Clerk's office last Saturday was that by which the holdings of the Moline Farm Company in the Willow River valley were transferred to the Commerce Mortgage and Security Company of Portland. The transfer affected some 3,000 acres of irrigated land which was originally in the development project of Dennis Brogan, while he was operating the Willow River Land &

CHURCHES AND LODGES OBSERVE EASTER DAY

Special Services at All Churches—Scottish Rite Masons Hold First Breakfast—Knights Templars Attend Services

Easter services were observed in all the churches in Ontario with exceptionally large congregations present. The ideal weather which greeted this section on Easter morn served to enlarge the gatherings at every observance of the sacred day.

For the first time, too, Ontario Masons held services. At 6 o'clock in the morning 22 members of the Scottish Rite branches with their wives gathered at the Masonic hall for a breakfast as is the custom of the order. This followed the Maundy Thursday dinner, which likewise was observed in Ontario for the first time. On Sunday the local members of the Knights Templar journeyed to Payette where they joined in the services of the Weiser Commandry which was held there that day. Following the service a dinner was held at the Hotel Bancroft.

WHITMAN GLEE CLUB SINGS

At the Congregational church, which was in this section that day.

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

A large congregation was present at all the Masses at the church of the Blessed Sacrament. A High Mass St. Rose of Lima's Mass was sung by the choir at 10:00 A. M. and at the offertory Miss Catherine Conway sang, Regina Coeli.

Children Present Program

At the United Presbyterian church the children presented a rainbow entertainment and a program of special music which was followed by an Easter Sermon by Rev. Cochran.

METHODIST EASTER SERVICES

Easter exercises were held at the M. E. Church Sunday both in the morning and evening. In the morning an appropriate program was rendered by the smaller children of the Sunday School, beginning at 11 a. m. In the evening the older children gave the entertainment. A series of stereopticon views depicting the early settlement of the Oregon country in which Jason Lee, a Methodist minister and the first missionary sent west of the Rocky Mountains, took so prominent a part was shown with a lecture by Rev. Lacombe.

CANTATA SUNG BY CHORUS

"Resurrection Morn" was given at the Baptist Church. There were about thirty voices in the chorus. Mrs. L. R. Breithaupt was the soloist. Those taking leading parts were: Mrs. Albert Christensen, Miss Helen Biggs, Mrs. Grace Robinson, Mrs. C. H. Blom, Miss Helen Blom, Messrs. C. Senseman, Ira Williams, Carl Lathrop, C. R. Sequine, T. W. Penn.

Harry B. Cockrum returned Saturday from a two weeks trip to Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Chelsey Boyer moved this week to the Billingsley home.

A son was born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Guerher of Jamieson at the home of Mrs. L. T. Aker.

Mrs. John R. Lee of Caldwell, sister of Mrs. Joe Staples who was ill at Holy Rosary Hospital returned to her home last week.

W. L. Hober and L. L. Hickox were in Caldwell on Monday looking for residences as they expect to move their families to that place soon. Both men will be employed in the Concrete Pipe Plant there.

H. C. Boyer spent Sunday in La Grande.

Of the crops listed, clover seed, wheat and potatoes are the most exportable. Of the livestock products, butter, eggs, wool, lambs and pork can be shipped at the least relative expense and provide the highest average returns from feed consumed. Alfalfa and clover hay, corn, barley and corn ensilage are the desirable feed crops for farm use. A permanent rotation made up from this list which will provide several sources of income from the sale of exportable crops and livestock products (not from the sale of hay and other feeds) should be the most profitable in the long run.

CLEAN-UP OF CORRALS TO BE ORDERED DONE

Numerous Property Owners Have Ignored Warnings And Will Be Prosecuted—Mayor Orders Officers to Act Immediately

Because the police department has not, as yet actually arrested any of the several owners who are maintaining nuisances in the shape of filthy corrals and garbage dumps, is no sign that the determination of the City Council to make Ontario cleaner, is not going to be enforced. This week Mayor W. H. Doolittle himself, made a trip over the city, as did several of the city council, and as the result Marshal H. C. Farmer was instructed to act immediately to the end that the delinquent property owners either clean up and keep their premises clean or to arrest them and prosecute the cases under the laws.

"The property owners have had sufficient notice by this time," says Mayor Doolittle. "Either the property owners are to observe this reasonable regulation for the safety of the health of the city, or the law will be enforced," he added.

WILL HOLD EXHIBIT OF VALLEY PRODUCTS

Boyer Brothers and Other Distributors Arrange for Display of Local Products for Education of Public.

To acquaint the public of Ontario with the fact that there are many products made in this section of the Snake river valley which for merit compare so favorably with that of outside manufacturers that there is no need of sending out of the valley for these goods, Boyer Brothers have arranged for an exhibit of Snake river valley manufactured products to be held at their store beginning Saturday of this week and continuing Monday and Tuesday of next week. In this exhibit they are being co-operated with by E. A. Frazer and the Davidson Grocery distributors in this section of some of the products.

Among other lines there will be shown several brands of flour including: Pickett flour made at Weiser and distributed by Davidson Brothers; Sunshine Flour made at Payette and distributed by E. A. Frazer; Scotts Best flour made in Nampa and distributed by Boyer Brothers.

The Idaho Canning Company will present a display of its products including canned vegetables, corn, peas etc. and its canned fruits of all kinds, apple butter, and other products.

From Ontario there will be shown the products of the Concrete Pipe Company, while the Farley Bakery will have an exhibit of its wares. Other exhibits too may be arranged for so that the public will know that local industries do prepare worthy products for their consideration.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION PLAN GIVEN APPROVAL

E. C. Van Petten Tells Commercial Club Directors That Poultry Association Methods Fundamentally Sound.

In his report to the directors of the Commercial Club at their meeting yesterday E. C. Van Petten who made an investigation of the workings of the Old Oregon Poultry association gave his approval of the methods used and the financial responsibility of the association.

Mr. Van Petten presented a lengthy report going thoroughly into details of the organization, its methods and its record so far achieved. He declared that it was his belief after the investigation that poultry men in this section are justified in associating themselves with the organization.

Dairymen's League

Concerning the Dairymen's league Mr. Van Petten also made an exhaustive report but owing to the fact that he had not yet received the complete financial statement of the league asked to be given further time before a final report is made.

Mr. Van Petten, with County Agent L. R. Breithaupt and Secretary W. H. Doolittle of the club were present at the meeting of the dairymen of Malheur and Payette counties held at Payette last Saturday at which the first reports of the investigation were filed.

Two alternative propositions were entertained: first that the local dairymen form an association binding themselves under the same contract as the Oregon Dairymen's league uses, and then forming a selling contract with the big organization; the second to join the League outright. A committee from

CREW HERE TO ERECT STANDARD OIL TANK

Ontario Agency to Have Storage Capacity of Nearly Half Million Gallons—Will Carry Lubricating Oil in Bulk Also

The clang and the bang of the typical boiler factory is resounding in the north end of Ontario where the big crew of boiler makers working for the Standard Oil Company is erecting the 30 by 50 storage tank which will increase the capacity of the local agency by 440,000 gallons. The men arrived last week from Baker where they erected a similar tank, following the erection of a smaller one at La Grande. With the completion of the tank here the company will have sufficient storage capacity to tide over any shortage period such as heretofore has been experienced.

With the completion of the big gas tank the company will use some of the present tanks for lubricating oil and will ship it here in tank cars just as it now does gasoline, thus accomplishing a large saving in freight and handling charges.

FASHION'S DECREES SHOWN BY H.S. GIRLS

Parent-Teachers Treated to Exhibition of Latest Gowns Furnished by Local Merchants and Worn by Local Girls

The Ontario Parent-Teachers Association held its regular monthly meeting last Friday evening at the High School auditorium, with Mrs. W. E. Homan, the vice-president, presiding. Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, a Fashion Show was staged by members of the high school sewing classes assisted by students from the other classes. The Fashion Show was made possible by the courtesy and interest of the clothing stores and millinery shops of Ontario, including, Boyer Bros., Rader Bros., the Golden Rule, Style Shop, Osborn Millinery and the Morris Millinery Shop. The following girls were the models for the city stores: Ruth McCulloch, Mary Lackey, Helen Brecount, Rosalia Daus, Mabel Madden, Gertrude Skow, Dorothy Dean, Irene Faubion, Violet Lees, Myrtle Newell, Pauline Jaquish and Urba Anderson. Lucile Blanton, Helen Butler, Una Armstrong, Ernestine Lacey, Hazel McCulloch, and Helen Brecount wore dresses made by themselves in the elementary or advanced sewing classes. At the close of the Fashion Show, Una Armstrong sang "An Alice Blue Gown". Music was furnished by Mrs. Cox, Mrs. E. C. Van Petten, and the Misses Wilma and Della Miles.

The first floor hall of the school building was transformed into a miniature tea room and gayly decorated with green and white streamers and yellow spring flowers. Refreshments, including sandwiches, salads and punch were served under the direction of Hope Cochran, assisted by Lillian Struthers, Florence Hale and Frances Folger. Alice Dorman with Jennie Beers, Helen Wells, Dorothy Edwards and Mary David were in charge of the candy table and exhibit of bread.

The high school auditorium was filled to capacity and throughout the evening great interest was shown in the exhibits of various kinds, including beginning and advanced work in sewing, textiles, balanced meals and 100-Calorie portions. One of the outstanding features of the sewing exhibits was the fact that the saving by making garments of various kinds at home, rather than purchasing ready made, was very clearly indicated.

SHOES AND SHIRTS OF NYSSA STORE FOUND

Two Men Apprehended in Ontario and Arraigned on Charge and Held to Action of Grand Jury

Luther Browning, known as Buck Browning, who has lived in and near Ontario for a number of years, before and after service during the war, and Harvey Roberts, a young fellow who has been here for the past two months, were arrested by Sheriff Lee Noe and Marshal H. C. Farmer Tuesday and arraigned before Police Judge C. M. Stearns who held them to the Grand Jury.

The arrests were made following the location by Marshal Farmer of some knives, shoes and silk shirts in the shack on the East side in which the men lived.

each of the counties is engaged in sounding out the sentiment of the ranchers this week and will report to a meeting to be held in Payette Saturday.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING POSTPONED FOR SECOND TIME

Owing to the many events which were crowded into this week the Commercial club membership meeting was again postponed on Wednesday until next Wednesday at which time a number of important matters which have been held in abeyance will be discussed.

OREGON-SLOPE ACTORS PRESENT PLAY AGAIN

Payette Business Men Backing Production in their Home Town To Boost Community Building Over on Slope

For the purpose of increasing their fund for the construction of a community building on Oregon Slope, the play "safety first", given by the Oregon Slope actors in Payette Monday evening.

This presentation is under the auspices of the business men of Payette who have guaranteed to sell 400 tickets for the performance and who are boosting the show, which all who have seen it, declare a most excellent home talent production.

The Oregon Slope people contemplated bringing the show to Ontario for Tuesday evening but were advised not to do so because of the many conflicting events of this character which have been held in the past ten days.

POEM INSPIRES THOUGHT FOR MEETING OF WOMEN'S CLUB

Over on Oregon Slope Women will Ponder on Training "Finer Sort of Man", As Husbands Ponder Crop Improvements

Crop improvement methods may worry the men of Oregon Slope but the women of that region at their child welfare meeting on April 14 at the home of Mrs. Mason Clough are going to consider the training of a "finer sort of man." The Argus correspondent in telling of this innovation in club programs does not infer that the women of the Slope believe that the men over there do not come up to the specifications called for, but submits the following poem by Edgar A. Post as the genesis of the idea. It is worth reading—

"Finer Type o' Man"
We were sittin' there an' smokin' of our pipes, discussin' things,
Like licker, votes for wimmin, an' the totterin' thrones o' kings.
When he up and strokes his whiskers with his hand an' says 't me,
"Changin' laws an' legislatures ain't, as far as I can see,
Goin' to make this world much better unless somehow we can
Find a way to make a better an' finer sort o' man."

"The trouble ain't with statutes or with systems—not at all.
It's with humans jus' like we air an' their petty ways an' small.
We could stop our writtin' law-books an' our regulation rules
If a better sort of manhood was the product of our schools.
For the things that we air needin' ain't writtin' from a pen
Or bigger guns to shoot with, but a bigger type of men."

"I reckon all these problems air jest ornery like the weeds,
They grow in soil that ought a nourish only decent deeds.
An' they waste our time an' fret us when, if we were thinkin' straight
An' livin' right, they wouldn't be so terrible and great.
A good horse needs no snaffle, an' a good man, I opine,
Doesn't need a law to check him or to force him into line."

If we'd teach'em how to neighbor children, year by year,
How to live with one another, there'll be less o' trouble here.
If we'd teach'em how to neighbor an' walk in honor's ways,
We could settle every problem which the mind o' man can raise.

What we're needin' ain't systems or some regulatin' plan,
But a bigger an' a finer an' a truer type o' man."

—Edgar O. Post.
After the reading of the poem and the discussion by Mrs. P. M. Boals, chairman of the meeting, the women present will be called upon for their individual opinions during the general discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Miles were Caldwell visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Si Tillotson of Drewsey brought her little baby to the Holy Rosary Hospital Wednesday for a minor operation.

Melville Keefe who left last fall for Phelan, Nevada returned Tuesday making the return trip by auto. Mr. Keefe says the roads from Jordan Valley to Poison Creek are in very bad condition. While in Nevada he sold his stock and machinery and rented his ranch as he prefers Oregon as a country.

LOCAL PLAYERS SCORE IN "FUMBLES OF 1920"

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA PRESENTED BY ONTARIO POST NO. 67 AMERICAN LEGION BEST HOME TALENT PLAY EVER GIVEN HERE

MUCH NEW TALENT DISCOVERED

Singing and Dancing of Chorus Pleases—Stage Settings and Costumes Present Pretty Picture—Vocal Soloists Win Favor of Audience

In what was undoubtedly the best home talent production ever staged in Ontario, the Fumbles of 1920, presented by Ontario Post of the American Legion at the Majestic Theatre Monday and Tuesday evenings, scored a tremendous hit. It is impossible to select from the excellent cast any particular person to name as the star for it was the general effect of the entire performance that pleased most. Best of all the presentation of the play discovered to Ontario the fact that it possesses a wealth of ability for high class productions.

The singing and dancing of the chorus was charming especially in the handsome settings furnished by the Wallace-Hillam Company. The costuming and the stage settings presented artistic effects, which when worn by the pretty girls of the chorus created a charming picture.

The vocal numbers and the dances in which Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Browne, Mrs. Lela Oxman, Miss Maurine Jones, Mrs. Dorothy Paul, Miss Ruth McCulloch, E. H. Sidway, Danny Wallace, Miss Goldie Sorngson, and Rodney Hillam performed were all graciously received. The solo artists were ably assisted by the supporting cast and chorus and the acts warmly applauded.

The show was in reality a three ring event. The opening a musical comedy introducing the models of a Parisian artist whose eccentricities were adequately portrayed by Rodney Hillam. Specialty numbers given enlivened the offering. The second act, the soldier and marine minstrels introduced a new idea in that popular form of entertainment and Herschel Browne and Danny Wallace were given an opportunity to stage a clever dialogue. The closing act, Cupids Isle made a decided hit with its picturesque settings and grotesque as well as handsome costume. In this as in the other acts the musical numbers were most effective.

The facts are that the show has been the talk of the town all week, and those who failed to see it missed the best show ever staged in Ontario by local people, and in the best performance ever given here. Though the opening light furnished a fair audience, the crowd at Tuesday's performance was smaller than the show deserved. However the Legion did not lose money as the result of the effort, yet its profits were small.

Those who took part in the various numbers were: Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paul, Mrs. Fred Canfield, Mrs. Lela Oxman, Misses Ruth McCulloch, Maurine Jones, Rosalia Daus, Edna Prout, Marie Keller, Dorothy Dean, Lillian Struthers, Pauline Jaquish, Helen Brecount, Jennie Beers, Gertrude Monce, Irene Rowe, Alma Homan, Ella Messico, Theodosia Wells, Margaret Drane, Hortense Wells, Alice Dorman, Margaret Blackaby, Ruth Homan Goldie Sorngson; R. H. Sidway, Jack Gordon, Joy Husted, Ralph McCulloch, Mitchell Moore, Lou Weaver, Leland Hess, Jack Weaver, Otto Philabaum, Ralph Emison, Wendell Thayer, Owen Turner, James McCright, Russell Beers, William Leess, Charles Homan, Orville Kelso, Joe Messico, John Sullivan, Floyd Powell, Ray Bervin, Paul Peterson, Bonovan Poorman, Lawrence Rowe, Darrell Carey, Dwight Sanford and Sgt. Danny Wallace.

The sprightly music of the orchestra was one of the most potent of the contributing causes of success of the show and was furnished by the following orchestra: R. W. Jones, Miss Dolly Rollins, Clarence Russell, Richard Adams, Byron Turner and James Purcell.

The patronesses were: Mrs. L. Adam, Mrs. S. D. Dorman, Mrs. H. O. Drane, Mrs. W. J. Pinney, Mrs. C. R. Emison, Mrs. W. W. Letson and Mrs. L. B. Cockrum.

CHILD FALLS IN HOT ASHES SUFFERS FROM SERIOUS BURNS

The two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Campbell is suffering from burns and blood poisoning which resulted from a fall into a pan of hot ashes near the Campbell home in the Northwest section of the city. The child's screams attracted the mother who was in the house when the child fell. In her frantic effort to aid the child the mother held it close to her body, not knowing that a coal had gone up the child's sleeve and was thus being pressed into its flesh. The burn on the arm later brought on blood poisoning and for a time it was deemed in grave danger of losing its life. During the past few days it has recovered slightly and is now deemed out of danger.